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EASLEY APPOINTS BIR TO PLANT CONSERVATION BOARD

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Richard E. Bir** of Brevard to the North Carolina Plant Conservation Board.

Bir is an extension horticulture specialist at N.C. State University, where he has worked since 1979. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1970 and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in plant science from the University of Massachusetts.

The board adopts and enforces regulations to protect native rare plants in North Carolina. It also establishes the list of endangered or threatened native plants. There are seven members on the board, each serving a 4-year term. The governor appoints four members.

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